

## RECREATION

## Duxbury group offers recreation center plan

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**DUXBURY** — A new non-profit group presented a plan for a \$3 million recreational complex with an ice rink and ballfields at the school committee meeting last night.

Nearly 100 residents, including dozens of children, attended the presentation of Project Recplex, a proposal for a 12-acre recreational facility at the Chandler School.

The complex would include an ice rink, a full-sized baseball diamond, a Little League baseball/softball diamond and two multipurpose athletic fields.

The proposal was drafted by the Duxbury Recreation Foundation, a private non-profit organization created to support and advance recreational programs and resources in town.

Duxbury Youth Hockey Vice President Joe Marrocco said after learning that other sports programs in town also need more facilities, foundation members decided to include athletic fields with the ice rink proposal.

The home rink for Duxbury Youth Hockey is in Plymouth.

Last night was the first time Project Recplex was presented to the public. Resident and foundation member Kevin Gould said the foundation would raise the \$3 million for

the project.

"The Duxbury Recreation Foundation would raise all the money," Gould said. "We're not asking for a dime."

Gould said all of the foundation's projects will be self-supporting. Profits from the ice rink will be used to maintain and operate it.

Resident Mark Casey presented a conceptual plan of the complex. The ice rink would be at the side of the Chandler School and the fields would be behind the school's Ray Coppens Field Complex.

Casey said there is room for as many as 800 parking spaces for the ice rink as well as additional parking at the fields. The complex would be accessible via East and Chandler streets.

Gould said the foundation will request that the school department give 10 or 12 acres of land to the town so that town meeting can give selectmen permission to lease the land to the foundation for Project Recplex.

Gould said the foundation's goal is to receive town meeting's approval next year and complete construction in 2001.

Gould said the foundation will seek state funding for the project this summer and may ask the town to maintain ownership of the applicable land in order to receive the grant.